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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: G.J. GORMLEY et al.

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REDUCTASE INHIBITORS (as amended)

TRANSDERMAL TREATMENT WITH 5-ALPHA-

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Appeal No. 2004-0543

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NEW GROUND OF REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR § 41.50(b)(1)

Sir:

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This is in response to the Decision on Appeal, Appeal No. 2004-0543, raising a new ground of rejection under 37 CFR § 41.50(b), mailed December 29, 2004, having a February 28, 2005, response date.

Applicants have chosen to reopen prosecution and submit the present amendments to the claim pursuant 37 CFR \S 41.50(b)(1).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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